



COASTAL BEND BAYS & ESTUARIES PROGRAM

TIDES OF TOMORROW

ART CONTEST

~ Colors of the Coast ~

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program (CBBEP) invites K-12 students across the Coastal Bend area to participate in our third annual art contest!

This year's theme is "**Colors of the Coast**"
Show us what the coast means to you through vibrant colors of nature, native plants and animals, outdoor adventures and conservation!

Submission Deadline: Saturday, October 24, 2026

We look forward to seeing the colorful and creative artwork from our young Coastal Bend artists!

ELIGIBILITY

K-12 students located in the 12-county area:
Aransas, Bee, Brooks, Duval, Jim Wells, Kenedy, Kleberg, Live Oak, Nueces, McMullen, Refugio, and San Patricio

Open to public, private, charter and homeschool students

A completed entry form must be paperclipped to the back of the artwork
Parent/guardian or teacher signature required

Limit one entry per student

CONTEST RULES

*Make sure to follow all guidelines before submitting!
Entries that do not meet the rules may be disqualified.*

Paper Size: Standard 8.5" x 11" in landscape (horizontal) orientation

Artwork must be colorful: Black and white artwork will not be accepted
Artwork must be flat and two-dimensional — no attached or raised materials

Accepted Media: Crayons, markers, colored pencils, paint and pastels

Must be student's original artwork (no help from an adult or AI)

No digital artwork, tracings or copyrighted material

SUGGESTIONS FOR ARTWORK

Your artwork should reflect the theme "Colors of the Coast" and showcase Texas coastal ecosystems

Coastal Landscapes

Bays, estuaries, beaches, marshes, sunsets/sunrise over water

Outdoor Coastal Adventures

Activities such as fishing, boating, kayaking, birding, exploring nature

Texas Wildlife and Plants

Roseate spoonbill, brown pelican, whooping crane, diamondback terrapin, blue crab, oyster, red drum, speckled trout, smooth cordgrass

Protecting our Coast

Ideas such as reducing litter, protecting habitats, managing invasive species, and preventing overfishing

DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Artwork can be dropped off at the locations listed below:

Janet F. Hart Public Library
2629 Waldron Road
Corpus Christi, TX 78418

Keach Family Library
1000 Terry Shamsie Blvd
Robstown, TX 78380

Bell/Whittington Public Library
2400 Memorial Pkwy
Portland, TX 78374

Bishop Branch Library
115 S Ash Ave
Bishop, TX 78343

Odem Public Library
516 Voss Ave
Odem, TX 78370

Ellis Memorial Library
700 W Avenue A
Port Aransas, TX 78373

Ben F. McDonald Public Library
4044 Greenwood Dr.
Corpus Christi, TX 78416

**ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026**

PRIZES

Overall Grand Prize Winner: \$75 Amazon Gift Card
1st Place in each category: \$50 Amazon Gift Card
2nd Place in each category: \$25 Amazon Gift Card
3rd Place in each category: \$15 Amazon Gift Card

All winners will also receive a 2027 CBBEP calendar with artwork featured in it

*Artworks will be displayed in an art exhibit at
Janet F. Hart Public Library (November 5-30)
and Keach Family Library (December 4-12)*

JUDGING CRITERIA & NOTIFICATION

The contest will be judged in four divisions: Grades K-2 | 3-5 | 6-8 | 9-12

All artworks will be judged on the following criteria:

Understanding of concept and theme

Creativity and originality

Presentation and neatness

Entry form completion (writing component)

Overall Impact

Winners will be notified by email listed on entry form.

**FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION,
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